

If a medieval printer failed to extinguish his working candle when he left for the night, he was liable for a fine imposed by the head of the chapel.

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## AFL Political Meet July 19-20 In D.C.

Delegates from AFL Political and Educational Leagues all over the Nation will converge on Washington, D. C. on July 19-20 for a caucus on ways and means to turn out the remaining Taft-Hartley representatives in 1950.

The call for local Political and Educational Leagues to send delegates went out over the signatures of William Green and George Meany, chairman and secretary respectively of the League.

The letter noted that only ten short months remain for ground-work to be laid for the 1950 elections.

Leaders of the League, with which the Union Labor Party is affiliated, plan the greatest election activity in labor's history. The meeting will be held in the Statler Hotel.

The caucus will be open to all delegates for open discussions and suggestions for making the drive successful. The attendance of delegates from the grass roots districts is especially requested and needed to make the conference a success.

Green and Meany urged all Political and Educational League affiliates to send delegates.

## Insurance Agent Union Election Set for July 8

The run-off election covering some 15,000 agents of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. has been scheduled throughout the nation for Friday, July 8, according to an announcement this week from Daniel V. Flanagan, western director of the American Federation of Labor.

In the first election several weeks ago, the AFL Insurance Agents' Union topped the ballot, leading the CIO and the independent unions, but failing to get a majority of all votes cast. Thus the National Labor Relations Board scheduled the run-off election between the AFL and CIO groups.

"The AFL considers this election of the highest importance," Flanagan said. "If we are successful it will act as a very effective springboard toward organizing the other big insurance companies in the country. It will also give us another large group of so-called white collar workers as members of our family of labor."

Flanagan called upon all AFL members to assist in the election by contacting Prudential agents and urging their vote for the AFL union.

## CALIFORNIA CLERKS FIGHT SAFEWAY STORES TAFT-HARTLEY CHARGES

Steps were taken by the California State Council of Retail Clerks at a special meeting in Los Angeles last week for a defensive against vicious attacks against local unions by Safeway Stores under the Taft-Hartley Act, according to James P. McLoughlin, State Council vice-president and secretary of Clerks Union 428 of San Jose area.

Safeway has filed unfair labor practice suits against four local unions of retail clerks, including Locals 648 of San Francisco, 373 of Vallejo, 839 of Salinas, and 541 of Eureka, while the California Clerks Association has similar suits against Local 1532 of Santa Rosa.

The state meeting was called to hear reports of how the Taft-Hartley Act is being used against clerk unions and to plan the state's defensive, which includes increasing State Council per capita tax for a fund to fight the cases in court and the retaining of four prominent labor attorneys for legal counsel.

Attorneys placed on retainer by the State Council include Alexander Schullman and Robert Gilbert, of the Los Angeles area; James Galliano, of Oakland, and Roland P. Davis, San Francisco attorney who also has been attorney for the Central Labor Council here.

Be sure your car is in good mechanical condition.

## KIDDIES KLUB SHOW ON JULY 2ND AT SALINAS HIGH AUD.

The next Kiddies Klub show will be held July 2 in the auditorium of the Salinas Union High School, Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters 890, announced this week.

The show is scheduled to start promptly at 10 a.m.

## Here Are Your Representatives

(Use home address when Legislature or Congress is in recess.)

**U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey**

Senate Office Building

Washington, D. C.

Home: 100 McAllister St.

San Francisco, Calif.

**U. S. Senator Wm. F. Knowland**

Senate Office Building

Washington, D. C.

Home: Tribune Tower

Oakland, Calif.

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**Congressman E. K. Bramlett**

House Office Building

Washington, D. C.

Home: 549 Hillcrest Ave.

Pacific Grove, Calif.

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**State Senator Fred Weybret**

The State Capitol

Sacramento, Calif.

Home: 22 Hawthorne St.

Salinas, Calif.

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**Assemblyman James W. Silliman**

The State Capitol

Sacramento, Calif.

Home: 236 Hawthorne St.

Salinas, Calif.

## Business Screams But Facts Prove Cash Assets Up

Business—especially Big Business—screams that its financial shoes are pinching. Egad, what with 300 companies making only 9 per cent more profit in the first quarter of 1949 than they did in 1948—the biggest year in history—it's a dark future indeed. And that Taft-Hartley thing: It takes a lot of money to fight its repeal.

The country is getting a little bit bored with the cries of pain. It is getting a little bit bored because facts show:

Net working capital of U. S. corporations, exclusive of banks and insurance companies, increased almost 7 per cent in 1948 to \$64.8 billion.

The Securities and Exchange Commission estimates that corporations invested \$17.2 billion in plant and equipment in 1948. Two-thirds of the funds came from their own sources, without borrowing.

Corporations held a total of \$36.1 billion in cash, deposits and Government securities. This equaled the amount they had at the end of 1947 despite the tremendous 1948 outlay for plant and equipment.

Inventories increased more than 10 per cent to \$44.9 million.

And none other than the National City Bank states, "Cash and cash equivalent assets of the economy now . . . are immensely larger than before the war, and have grown much more than personal and business debts."

Yes, it's a rough life for business—especially Big Business. If they could just bottle the air and sell it, things would be okay.

## Anti-Trust Violators Fined for Price Fixing

Philadelphia—The Philadelphia Association of Linen Suppliers, 13 corporations and 20 individuals connected with the \$7,000,000 a year linen supply business in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware were fined a total of \$44,150 on charges of anti-trust law violations dating back to 1931.

The penalties, ranging from \$150 to \$5000, were imposed by United States District Court Judge James P. McGranery after the association and the corporation pleaded guilty and the individuals offered no defense to charges of conspiring to fix prices and stifle competition.

## Construction Work Shows Sharp Increase

Washington, D. C.—Construction contractors had over 2 million employees at work in mid-May, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

This is an increase of 73,000 over the revised April estimate, but was 42,000 under the May 1948 figure. For the first time in almost 4 years contract construction employment failed to show a gain when compared with the same month in the year before.

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## Checker Cab Now Union

Teamsters 890 announced this week that the Checker Cab Assn. of Monterey is organized and requested all members of AFL unions in the city of Monterey to patronize Checker cabs.

Bartenders and culinary workers were particularly requested to remember that Checker is now union when calling cabs for customers.

Three cab companies are now organized in Monterey: Checker, Rusty's Cab service and Monterey Taxi Service.

## Don't Lose Your Social Security Card Numbers

Social security cards sometimes get lost, but it is literally impossible to lose your social security number, according to John J. Cassidy, manager of the San Jose Social Security Administration office.

"Anyone who has lost his social security account number can obtain a duplicate card for the asking," Cassidy said. "Application blanks are available at all social security offices and most post offices.

"If the worker has the stub of his original card, showing the account number, a duplicate can be issued immediately. Otherwise, we must check our central files for a record of the original number. This takes about 10 days."

The San Jose social security office is located at 28 North First Street in San Jose, and is open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday. Applications for original or duplicate account numbers and information concerning old-age and survivors insurance benefits may be handled by mail if desired.

## ATTENTION MEMBERS TEAMSTERS 890

Teamsters Local 890 announced this week that the Salinas office phone numbers have been changed. The former number was 4893. New numbers are: 5743, 5744 and 5745.

## 80th Congress Reversed Again

One of the crimes committed against the American farmer by the 80th Congress was its refusal to ratify the International Wheat Agreement. The Agreement provided a five-year market for U. S. wheat at \$2 a bushel.

Last week, the 81st Congress ratified the International Wheat Agreement—at a price of \$1.80 a bushel. The farmers have lost 20c a bushel because of the 80th Congress. But once more the 81st Congress has moved to wipe out the unsavory record of the 80th.

Incidentally, more senators changed their votes on the wheat agreement than did on the Taft-Hartley Act. Thirty-three members of the House who supported Taft-Hartley in the 80th Congress changed their vote, and voted against it in the 81st Congress. To avoid showing which senators changed their vote, the wheat agreement was ratified without a roll call.

## Chicago Plumbers Win 10c Hourly Wage Hike

Chicago—A 10-cent hourly wage increase was approved by 4,200 members of Local 130, Chicago Plumbers Union, Stephen M. Bailey, union business manager, announced. The 25 officers of the union, renominated without opposition, were declared re-elected for the third year. Besides Bailey, the top officers are William E. Costello, president; Edward F. Bamicie, vice president; Walter J. Plotke, secretary-treasurer, and E. C. O'Toole, recording secretary.

## Labor Concerned

"Organized labor is very much interested in one of the greatest problems that face the 81st Congress—the proposed reduction of the farmers' income and the proposed reduction of the farmers' standard of living.

Director Joseph D. Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education, speaking in Des Moines, said:

"To this question, of course, labor says—No!"

## Notice to All Salinas Members Of Teamsters 890

The meeting place for all Salinas members of Teamsters Local 890 has been changed to the auditorium of Salinas Union High School on South Main St., it was announced this week.

The next regular meeting will be held in the High School Auditorium on Tuesday, July 12.

Reason given for the change is the need of additional space due to large attendance.

## MONTEREY COUNTY

# LABOR NEWS

SALINAS, CALIF., TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1949

WHOLE NO. 560

## CV Excess Lands Are Ordered Appraised At Market Value

Don Taggart, editor of the California Veteran, in an article printed in the May, 1949, issue of the California Veteran, stated that a responsible source has reported that some 10,000 acres in the Central Valley within a year will be appraised for sale under the excess limitation provisions of the Reclamation Act of 1902 and sold at "market value."

A recent top level directive from Washington which is privately causing great concern to reclamation and Farmers Home Administration officials in California, Editor Taggart said, orders the acreages appraised at "currently greatly inflated prices," rather than on the sound basis of long-term earning capacity.

Taggart points out that it would seem to indicate that Reclamation Commissioner Michael Straus—"with Regional Director R. L. Boke the victim of a 'purge' by U. S. Senator Downey"—is yielding in some measure to the pressures that have long opposed his fight to uphold the 160-acre provisions of the 1902 Act.

### 3-YEAR FIGHT

Straus and Boke were removed from the government payroll last year by a rider tacked to an appropriation bill by Rep. Alfred J. Elliott (D., 10th Dist., defeated in the November elections).

As yet the action has not been officially nullified by the 81st Congress and Straus and Boke are serving without pay.

Senator Downey, who has fought Straus and Boke for three years, has represented the large landholders—the 5 per cent who own the 95 per cent of California farmlands—in his personal fight with Straus, first reclamation official to rigidly enforce the 160-acre limitation.

Now comes the administrative order from Straus to appraise the 10,000 acres at market value, which could and probably would mean:

1. The FHA would not loan money to veterans to buy the land at market value, holding that values are almost certain to drop, ruining veterans (and other small farmers) who buy at the present inflated values.

2. Inexperienced farmers who go outside the FHA for money to buy this acreage would be ruined by one seasonal crop failure, and their mortgages foreclosed.

3. Many veterans, who would almost certainly be in the majority of those who buy the land, would end up broke and embittered.

### ORIGINAL INTENT

When it was passed in 1902, the Reclamation Act containing the key 160-acre limitation was intended to be an aid to small farmers and to develop the settlement of the west.

It provides that in order to get supplemental irrigation water at fractional cost, no holding by an individual shall exceed 160 acres, or a total of 320 acres by a man and his wife.

About 10 years ago in the Central Valley the water table began to sink alarmingly. Landholders—corporation and small farmers alike—needed more irrigation water.

The farmers unanimously demanded a one-year extension of the present wartime price support plan and proposed to let the new Brannan farm plan, which provides lower prices for the consumer and maintains the present income of the farmers, go to the people in the 1950 elections for a decision. Rural congressional seats will be filled by men who interpret correctly the farmers' decision on farm legislation.

"4. President Allan Kline of the Farm Bureau Federation has publicly endorsed the program laid down by Taft; then by Stassen; and then by the 80th Congress.

FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE

"Consequently, a fundamental issue has been raised which affects everyone in the United States—shall the farmers' income be reduced by government action and shall the farmers' standard of living be lowered?

Director Joseph D. Keenan of Labor's League for Political Education, speaking in Des Moines, said:

"To this question, of course, labor says—No!"

## Labor Haters Put On GOP Policy Board

Congressional representatives among the five top-level political tacticians who will map the Republican Party's moves between meetings of the general strategy committee are:

Rep. Leonard W. Hall (N. Y.)  
Rep. Cecil M. Harden (Ind.)  
Sen. Owen Brewster (Maine)

Hall and Mrs. Harden both voted for the Wood bill and against its recommitment.

Hall and Brewster both voted to override President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act. (Mrs. Harden was not in Congress then.) Rep. Hugh Scott, Jr. (Pa.), who as chairman of the Republican National Committee, made the appointments, voted for the Wood bill, against its recommitment and to override the T-H veto.

Question: Where

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**WHEN NEWS ARE BOUGHT**

One of the curses of modern journalism is the prevalence of stories, magazine articles and expressions of opinion, editorial or otherwise, that are bought outright by designing individuals, who either desire personal publicity or who are interested in influencing public opinion, like Porfirio Diaz, the discredited ex-president of Mexico did till he fled to Spain. Frequently such paid publicity is dressed up so attractively that other editors mistake them for being genuine and reproduce them in their own papers as news, without pay. Is it any wonder that the average reader of newspapers frequently falls for such stories?

At best such purchased copy for newspapers is not genuine news. It is usually badly distorted and unreliable and is totally unfit for the public to read. Then there is a type of publisher, who not only accepts paid reading matter in violation of law, which requires that all paid matter should be designated as paid advertisements, but who clings to the theory that the only news worth publishing in his papers is that which has some indirect pay end to it.

In other words such "pay end" publishers consider news worth printing when it deals with individuals or events that are profitable and nets financial returns to them. If there is no "pay end" to a story then the practice of such publishers is either to skip it or boil it down to a mere mention, which is frequently so completely buried in some obscure portion of the paper that most readers fail to notice it.

**WE NEED MORE DEMOCRACY**

There is nothing we need quite so much as a rebirth of honest-to-goodness regard for the will of the majority of the American people. What most Americans understand by Democracy is that our government should carry into effect the principles and policies desired by the majority of the people. That is the kind of Democracy we need a whole lot of in order to get back into something like balance.

As matters now stand we have a lot of representatives in Congress who are listed as Republicans and a pretty unruly block of Democrats whose conduct and utterances brand them as being fascist minded. Just as in the 80th Congress these reactionaries united to enact such fascist laws as the Taft-Hartley law and other anti-labor legislation, which over a period of years would reduce American workers back to slavery, so these same kind of reactionaries in the 81st Congress are opposing all efforts to undo the harm done by the 80th.

Evidently our only out is to prepare from now till the next primary election for the most extensive house-cleaning our American Congress has ever experienced. What we need is to elect people to our Congress who really believe that the will of the majority should be law. Evidently there are a lot of our misrepresentatives in the 81st Congress who believe otherwise as can be seen plainly by their votes on legislation that has come up for decision thus far. Let us leave no stone unturned to get rid of as many of the bad eggs as is humanly possible. The next primary election will be our opportunity.

**PROGRAM NEEDS REVISING**

Those who control the 81st Congress apparently have a pretty definite program laid out for this year and next. Evidently this program is not in accord with the 1948 platform of the Democratic party. Thus far every attempt to translate any important portion of this platform into law has been rejected, either by the House of Representatives, or by the U. S. Senate, or by both.

If the 81st Congress continues to ignore the expressed wishes of the American voters in the 1948 election in the way it has been doing thus far it is apt to end up even more discredited than was the 80th of which both houses were controlled by the Republicans. The voters rejected that Congress and placed Truman and the Democrats back into majority control, as they had made a fairly good record during the years Franklin D. Roosevelt was president.

What ails the present Congress is anybody's guess. What has prompted the 81st Congress to disregard thus far practically every mandate issued by the American people last November 2nd is for those who are running it to explain. So far their whole program has been rotten. Unless they change it, we will have to change Congress.

**WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING**

So little actual good for our country has been accomplished by the present 81st Congress that at the rate good legislation has been enacted during the first six months it would not do as much good in a hundred years as did the first Congress with Franklin D. Roosevelt during its first 100-day special session. On this showing we certainly need to elect a different Congress in 1950.

In order to get more honest politics we must first have more honest voting.

**Know Your Union—****The IBEW Constitution****ARTICLE I.  
NAME AND CONSTITUTION**

Sec. 1. This organization shall be known as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, with jurisdiction over all electrical wage workers, and shall consist of an unlimited number of local unions acknowledging its jurisdiction and subject to its laws and usages, and it shall not be dissolved while there are five dissenting local unions.

Sec. 2. This Constitution, and all acts and proceedings which, in the future, and in due course may be enacted, shall be absolutely binding on all the officers and members.

Sec. 3. The following abbreviations, when used herein, and in reports and other documents, shall mean:

I.B.E.W.—International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

I.E.C.—International Executive Council.

I.P.—International President.

I.V.P.—International Vice President.

I.S.—International Secretary.

I.T.—International Treasurer.

I.C.—International Convention.

I.O.—International Office.

E.W.B.A.—Electrical Workers' Benefit Association.

L.U.—Local Union.

R.S.—Recording Secretary.

F.S.—Financial Secretary.

Sec. 4. Words used in this Constitution in the masculine gender shall include the feminine.

Discussion: Note Section 1 (a). "This organization shall be known as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers."

When first organized in St. Louis, Missouri, November 21st, 1891, the Brotherhood was known as the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. At a later convention Electrical Workers' Local Unions in Canada applied for and were granted charters, thus it became necessary to change the status and title of the Brotherhood from National to International.

(b) Again we note in the title "International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers," the emphasis on the word "electrical." Originally the Brotherhood consisted only of Linemen and Wiremen, but this circumstance could not endure long, as the very title "Brotherhood of Electrical Workers" indicates any and all electrical wage workers.

(c) "With jurisdiction over all electrical wage workers" is self-explanatory, however many, even some members of the I.B.E.W. do not look at it in this light. Let

us then refer briefly to the objects of the I.B.E.W., the first of which is "to organize all electrical workers into local unions" — and, in short, to represent them faithfully to promote the economic welfare of the Brotherhood and all of its members.

The very first sentence of its Constitution the I.B.E.W.—the oldest of all existing electrical workers organizations) claims jurisdiction over all electrical workers in all branches of the electrical trade. Thus Article I, Section 1, of the Constitution might be taken as an admonition to never surrender its jurisdiction to a dual organization or any organization which might cast covetous eyes on work properly coming within the jurisdiction of the I.B.E.W.

By the same token, the Brotherhood holds membership open to all electrical workers actually employed in any branch of the electrical industry, consisting of an unlimited number of local unions acknowledging its jurisdiction and subject to its laws and usages."

The fact that the I.B.E.W. shall not be dissolved while five local unions object to disbanding, is a guarantee to members that their rights within the Brotherhood will be preserved. The latest directory of the I.B.E.W. shows over 1,500 local unions in the United States.

"Furthermore, this construction program will aid employment. There are at least 3,500,000 persons unemployed in the United States. The fact makes it all the more timely that we now set out in this too-long-deferred program of slum clearance and public housing."

A bill providing for slum clearance, public housing and other housing measures is expected to come before the House this month. The measure has been passed by the Senate.

"Don't pay any ransom, I'm back!"—Modern Woodward.

**ANSWER THIS ONE**

Willie: "Mama says we're here to help others."

Baby Sitter: "Of course we are."

Willie: "Well, what are the others here for?"

"I wanna resign."

Jones was a family man who had been inveigled into a poker game. The hands of the clock moved on and on, and at 3 a.m. he had a sudden inspiration. He called his wife and when his wife finally answered the phone, he shouted in frenzied haste:

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**2,000,000 Work In Construction**

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Regional estimates of construction employment, available through mid-April only, indicate noteworthy gains in the West South Central States this year over last.

In the Middle Atlantic and Mountain States, construction contractors reported a higher monthly level of employment this year, but they were adding workers at a slower rate than in the spring of 1948.

The Middle Atlantic and East North Central States continued to lead in the number of workers employed by construction contractors, accounting for 21 and 18 percent respectively of the U. S. total in April.

The most important expenditure increases occurred in private non-farm homebuilding and public construction, accounting together for nearly three-fourths of the \$200-million rise from April.

Construction activity in May, as measured by the value of new work put in place, increased 15 per cent from April.

**Tire Safety.**—Proper automobile tire inflation is an important factor in safe driving, because low or uneven tire pressure or unmatched tires on the front wheels may affect the steering of your car.

Check your tire pressure regularly, and if in doubt stop at the nearest service station for a re-check.

**AUTO HINTS**

**Short-Cut.**—The short-cut through traffic past cut short the career of many jaywalking pedestrians. For safety's sake, cross only at intersections, and always obey traffic signals, which are installed for mutual protection of pedestrians and motorists.

**Car Lock Lubrication.**—A small quantity of powdered graphite placed in a paper funnel and blown into automobile door locks makes an excellent lubricant for these units.

**Extra Fan Belt.**—An extra fan belt to fit your car in case of breakage is a good investment, because it is not always possible to obtain a belt of the proper size when traveling away from home.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** WE MADE IT!

**GRIN or GROAN****IT IS, TOO**

The Willoughbys, who lived in Chicago, had a new housekeeper. She wasn't very bright.

One night at dinnertime the telephone rang, and the new housekeeper hurried to answer. She listened and laughed and said, "It certainly is!" and hung up.

A few seconds later the phone rang again. The new housekeeper answered it, listened, laughed, and said, "It certainly is!" and hung up again.

"For goodness sake," bellowed Mr. Willoughby. "What's going on?"

"Silliest darned thing," answered the new housekeeper. "Some joker keeps calling up just to say, 'It's Long Distance from New York.'"

**THE GENIUS**

"Dad, it says here that a certain man was a financial genius. What does that mean?"

"That means he could earn money faster than his family could spend it."

Fear to do base and unworthy things is valor. If they be done to us, to suffer them is also valor.

Ben Jonson.

**PASSED THE BUCK**

The minister was addressing the Sunday school children. After several minutes he asked: "And now, is there any boy or girl who would like to ask me a question?"

For a moment there was silence and then a shrill voice piped up: "Please, sir, why did the angels walk up and down Jacob's ladder when they had wings?"

"Ah, I see," said the minister. "Now would anyone like to answer that question?"

A patient in an upstate asylum had been declared "fit for outside" and was having a final interview with the medics. "What will you do when you get home?" asked a quiz kid.

"I've studied gardening, so I may go to farming. I have also passed my final exams for a degree in journalism, so I may write a column." Here he looked to the ceiling in thought. "On the other hand," he continued excitedly, "I may be a coffee pot."

One can preach a better sermon with his life than with his lips.

Women are not deceitful. They let men deceive themselves.

John Brown told me about the fellow who staggered up and inquired, "Shay, c'n ya tell me where to find Alcoholicsh Anonymush?"

"Do you want to join?" Brown asked.

"None, I wanna resign."

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**EDUCATION**

To meet the growing crisis of the Nation's schools caused by insufficient personnel and outgrown facilities, the report recommends Federal financial aid to education.

**Real Estate Lobby Can't Decide Why It's Against Housing Measure**

"Public housing adds to inflation"—real estate lobby, 1948.

"Public housing brings on a depression"—anti-housing lobbyists, 1949.

Rep. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) has disclosed how the real estate lobby uses what it hopes will be a popular argument against good housing for all.

It makes no difference to the lobbyists if their 1949 argument is exactly the opposite of their 1948 one, Kennedy pointed out in a recent House speech.

He quoted from a 1948 U. S. Savings and Loan League anti-housing pamphlet. It said "billions more would be added to our dangerously high Federal debt and more fuel . . . would be thrown on the flames of inflation" if housing legislation were enacted.

But this year, the National Association of Home Builders talks of "preventing deflation in our economy" by cutting Federal expenses, especially those planned for housing.

Kennedy comments, "So it's the same story either way. No use fixing the roof when it isn't raining, and you can't fix it when it is raining."

The House will debate the housing bill this week. A weaker measure has passed the Senate.

The House Rules Committee reversed its earlier stand on the bill and cleared it for floor action. A Republican-Dixiecrat coalition in the committee had delayed reporting the bill for several weeks.

Although the committee is supposed to act only as a traffic cop for bills, it often has clocked liberal measures.

**More Fuel Used.**—Driving an automobile against a strong headwind causes rapid fuel consumption because of the extra power required. Under such conditions, the fuel gauge should be watched carefully and the fuel supply replenished at frequent intervals.

**Battery Check.**—Water content of an automobile's battery evaporates rapidly in hot weather or when the generator charging rate is high. Under such conditions, the battery should be checked frequently.

Let's start something during Union Label Week that adds to the Union Label's popularity. The time is September 3rd through the 10th—the place is in your own locality!



**CREAM OF THE MILKERS**—At the age of 10, Evelyn Fraser wins the 1949 grand championship milking title at the Dairyland Festival in Watertown, N.Y. In two minutes the pretty youngster was able to

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Annexation: Your union is vitally concerned with the problem of Alisal and Salinas and the plan to annex Alisal so we will have a greater Salinas.

Alisal Child Center: Your union along with the Salinas Central Labor Council is also interested in the continuation of the Alisal Child Center so that people who have to work will have an adequate place for their children. We can report progress in this instance and we feel certain that the Child Center will be continued.

Disability Benefits: We ask all of our members, wherever they may be employed, that prior to the introduction of any disability plan which your employer through your cooperation may institute, to please notify the union and inform the office of such a plan. Under state laws, such a plan would have to be an improvement over the present state plan before it can be passed upon by the state. We therefore ask that you consult with your union so that any voluntary plan to be instituted would first be checked upon.

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### VETS NEWS

Veteran-students graduating this year and planning to move from the area served by the Veterans Administration District Office to which they have been mailing their National Service Life Insurance premium payments, should notify VA immediately of their new permanent address.

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## 95,000 Homes Start in May; Permits Increase

Washington — Homebuilders in the entire nation started 95,000 new permanent nonfarm dwelling units in May, Secretary of Labor Tobin announced in releasing the Bureau of Labor Statistics' May figures on housing starts.

"This is 9,000 more than were put under construction in April and is within 5 percent of the record 100,300 units put under construction in May 1948," Mr. Tobin said.

Preliminary estimates show that builders have started 343,400 new dwelling units in the first 5 months of 1949. Although housing starts in 1949 have dropped as compared with last year, the gap between production in 1948 and 1949 is lessening as the 1949 building season progresses.

Last year, the number of local building permits issued for new housing reached a peak in April, with the actual start of construction reaching an all-time monthly peak in May. This year, building permits for planned new housing were still on the upturn in May. Thus, the peak in housing starts will probably occur later this year than last.

Complete reports of housing starts for February of this year boosted the figure for that month to go to 50,400, a gain of 4,400 over the Bureau's preliminary estimate.

Mr. Tobin added that additional reports being received indicate that the final March figure will also be considerably above the preliminary estimate.

May expenditures for all new construction rose 15 percent from April to \$1.6 billion. Almost half this increase occurred in expenditures for new private residential construction. Contract construction employment rose at the same time by 73,000 to 2,010,000. The department pointed out that both expenditures and employment may be expected to rise further as construction activity reaches its seasonal peak in the summer.

area in which he will reside.

When advising VA of his new address, the veteran should identify himself fully, indicating his NSLI certificate number, former address and new address. Changes in address may be noted on the space provided for such changes on the flap of the regular VA envelope.

The number of veterans of all wars reached 18,915,000 on May 1, 1949. Veterans Administration said, of these, 15,143,000 served in World War II. The remainder were veterans of World War I and other wars.

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Orthopedic Clinic: The largest Veterans Administration orthopedic clinic got under way at the VA San Francisco Regional Office on Monday, June 13, Regional Manager Robert P. Shields reports.

The clinic will be an indoctrination course for orthopedic teams from all VA regional offices west of the Mississippi. According to Dr. C. E. Carter, Chief Medical Officer of the San Francisco Regional Office, the general field of orthopedic medicine will be discussed, with emphasis on research work being done in the suction socket program for amputees.

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Many of our members are reluctant to pay a fine, using excuses which we feel are not sufficient. Your officers do not make the laws in this union—they carry them out, so please be guided accordingly.

Answer: Yes, this is permissible under the law.

Question: My widow's pension was discontinued when I rented my home to increase my income. I now reside in my home and wish to reapply for a widow's pension. Will a reasonable rental value be counted as income?

Answer: No. The reasonable rental value of such property is not a factor in arriving at the amount of annual income.

Question: Will you please tell me in what order of preference the flag will be disposed of following burial of a veteran?

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Except where a circumstance exists at time of death prevents the issuance of a flag to drape the casket, no flag will be issued subsequent

## Carpenter Named "Worker Father Of the Year"

New York — McKinley Ramsey, a Tennessee cedar chest maker and a member of Local 3142, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, American Federation of Labor, has been selected "Worker Father of the Year," according to an announcement made by the National Father's Day Committee.

Mr. Ramsey left his home city of Chattanooga, Tenn., the night of

June 12 to spend a week in New York City as guest of the committee.

In making their selection of the "Worker Father," the committee pointed out that Mr. Ramsey is typical of the millions of working men throughout the nation who labor in the smaller industries. Mr. Ramsey, a cabinet maker since 1913, has been making cedar chests at the Cavalier Corporation.

He served 14 months overseas in the 81st Division in World War I, and with this exception, has continually plied his trade in the furniture industry.

Mr. Ramsey is the father of four. Two sons, both of whom are veterans of World War II, reside in Chattanooga. One is an accountant and the other graduate from college this year and is serving as an assistant to a Methodist minister.

Two daughters also are in the Ramsay family. One is married and is the mother of a 6-month-old daughter, and the other is a high school junior.

Mr. Ramsey has been in the furniture field all his life, though he still likes to dabble in farming and trains his own hunting dogs.

While in New York, Mr. Ramsey will make radio and television appearances as well as make public appearances at City Hall, and sports events.

It will mark his first visit to New York since the day he was mustered out of the army on his way home from France in 1919.

## Penn. Temos Get 7½c

Pittsburgh — Averting a threatened strike, AFL motor freight drivers voted to accept at 7½c hourly wage increase and other concessions from the Western Pennsylvania Motor Carriers Assn. The same increase applies to all classifications of drivers.

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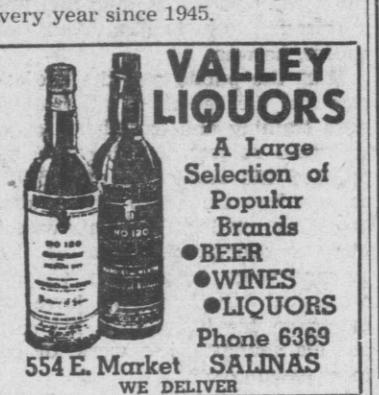
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## Number of Municipal Jobs Increases 47,000 in Year

Washington — The Census Bureau reports that United States cities employed 1,249,000 persons in October 1948, an increase of 47,000 over the previous year.

Municipal payrolls totalled \$226,000,000, or 13 per cent more than in October 1947.

The Bureau said city payrolls have increased at least 13 per cent every year since 1945.

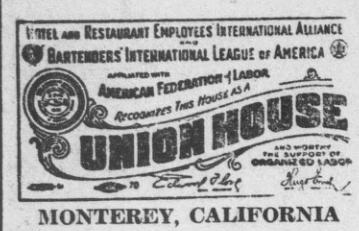


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## Local 483 Reports



MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

With only a few more days before the termination of our JEEPSTER CONTEST, it is imperative that every member put on a last minute drive and sell as many tickets as possible. To date, the actual costs of putting on the contest have not been cleared, and it appears doubtful that our Welfare Fund will be greatly enriched unless the membership gets right down to business and sells tickets—lots of them! Since the Welfare Fund plan will have to be abandoned unless we can raise money for the continuation of sick benefit payments, it is of great importance that each and every member do his utmost to put this contest over—with a successful bang!

Bro. Lee Benson reported that he received some unexpected assistance on Jeepster Ticket Sales in Carmel this week. Spotting "Red" Skelton, the famous radio and movie comedian on Ocean Avenue, Bro. Benson not only persuaded Skelton to purchase tickets, but also got his assistance in selling to passers-by for several minutes! Since we don't have the help of such well-known folks very often, it is up to the rest of us to hit the ball and get the job done! Let's not disappoint the members who will become ill during the coming months and require assistance from our Welfare Fund. Let's make certain that this worth-while project will be carried on, so that less fortunate brothers and sisters may receive comfort and aid when they need it most.

Post card notifications of the election, scheduled for Tuesday, July 5th, are in the mail for each and every member. According to the local by-laws, the Executive Board is empowered to levy a fine against any member who fails to cast his ballot. It is the sincere hope of your secretary that it will be unnecessary to collect a fine from any member of Local 483. You can make this hope a reality by casting your ballot on July 5th, at the union hall—any time from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. If it will be impossible for you to vote at the hall, call or write the office for your absentee ballot. And don't forget—June dues must be paid before you are eligible to mark your ballot.

The following communication has been received from Brother Pete Falatko, a nominee for the office of Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent:

Brother George L. Rice, Secretary-Treasurer, Bartenders & Culinary Workers' Union, Local 483, Monterey, California.

Dear Brother George:

This letter is to inform you and the membership of Local 483 that I do not desire to run for the office of Secretary-Treasurer and Business Agent.

It is my wish that my name be deleted from that part of the ballot.

I shall, however, be delighted to run for the office of Vice-President or President.

Sincerely yours,

PETE FALATKO.

Since Brother Falatko was nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, and has withdrawn his nomination for that office, his name will not appear on the ballot. There is space for a write-in candidate for each of the vacant offices, and any member wishing to write in a name for any office may, of course, do so. The name must be written in legible, and the box following the name must also be marked with an "X".

A negotiations meeting with representatives of the Karmelkorn Shop will be held on Tuesday, June 28th, under auspices of the California State Mediation Service. It is hoped that differences can be ironed out at this meeting and a satisfactory agreement reached.

The next regular meeting of Local 483 will be held on Wednesday evening, July 6th, at 8:30 p.m. The principal business will be the installation of the newly elected officers, following a report from your Election Committee. Let's have a good attendance at the meeting, to give our new officers a fitting installation, and tender a well-earned vote of thanks to our outgoing officials. Your officers, during the past year, have worked long and arduously for the betterment of our organization. They have received no personal gains of any sort, other than the sense of satisfaction derived from knowing they have done their best and delivered the goods whenever possible. The very least the membership can do is to attend the meeting and voice their thanks to these fine fellow-members.

The Monterey Peninsula Labor League for Political Education has been formed recently, with Joseph Perry, from the Cannery Workers' Union as President, and George L. Rice, from Local 483, as secretary. The committee has submitted a recommendation to the Central Labor Council, which will be re-submitted to each local union affiliated.

## AMA Tells M.D. To Shut Up!

An eminent professor of pediatrics protested publicly to the AMA over the collection of a \$350,000 lobby fund to fight national health insurance. After his protest, the Arkansas State Medical Society and the Pulaski County (Ark.) Medical Society requested that the professor be barred from delivering a lecture to physicians at the University of Arkansas on the subject of the feeding and immunization of babies. And, of course, he was.

Thus the public and the profession lost the benefit of the professor's training and experience on a scientific subject. All because he opposed the AMA tax of \$25 on each of its members to fight health insurance, which, in turn, would kill the ever-present fear of the average wage earner that, to pay a medical bill, he might have to mortgage his house, sell his car, put his youngsters to work, or go to a pawnbroker.

Instead, the AMA backs "Poorhouse" Taft's plan for socialized medicine whereby the lowest 20 per cent of the population in income would have their bills paid not by insurance funds but by the public treasury.

How silly can you get?

Silicates of soda have been used for many years in boiler water to prevent the formation of scale in the tubes. Their chief function is to cause the solids in the water to precipitate in a fluffy condition so that they can be blown out.

with the council, urging that all local unions pay in the per capita tax to the local league, which was voted by the California State Federation of Labor. The payment of monthly per capita tax will eliminate the necessity for assessments of one and two dollars upon the membership, as in the past. Local 483 will vote on this plan at the July 6th meeting.

**PEACEFUL PICKETING**

A. F. of L. attorneys Robert W. Gilbert, representing the Retail Clerks, and David Sokol, appearing for the Butchers, contended that the constitutional right of free speech includes peaceful picketing, and that right cannot be restrained because of "isolated abuses." The Court agreed with the labor attorneys that no grounds had been shown which would justify an immediate court order restraining the picketing, in view of the fact that there had never been any disorder on the line and the allegedly libelous sign had only been used a few times over a month before the hearing.

### CAR PARKING LEGAL

The employers' demand that the unions be restrained from parking cars near the entrance to the market on Highway 99, which would have entailed a ruling that a union member could not park his car on a public highway, was denied by Judge Main. Another issue decided



No milk will be poured in this little boy's cup if the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), threatened by a lack of funds, is forced to halt its operations. UNICEF, now feeding supplementary meals to 5,000,000, has scarcely enough money to finish out its planned program for this year. But the hungry children will still be with us then.

## ANTI-PICKETING BAN DENIED BY COURT

Superior Court Judge Norman Main of Bakersfield has denied a petition of a preliminary injunction against the picketing of the Joe and Lewis Market in the Joe and Lewis Market in the city of Bakersfield Local 193 and Retail Clerks Local 137. The injunction had been sought by the owners of the food store, who alleged that the pickets carried a libelous sign and crowded cars on the street in front of the market entrance so that the volume of business declined.

At the same time that the preliminary injunction was denied, the court gave the complaining market owners 15 days to amend their claim for damages. The unions contend that no proof of actual damage had been shown and that none of the picketing signs were worded in such a way as to be defamatory.

### 10 Is Limit on Ocean Sport Fish

Ocean sport fishing off the California coast is approaching its seasonal peak, following closely by a corresponding upswing in arrests for violation of conservative laws, reports the Division of Fish and Game.

Some anglers are confused by additional regulations set this year by the Fish and Game Commission in its perpetual task of juggling fish economics to match supply and demand.

Here's a brief round-up of current bag and possession limits on ocean species:

An aggregate limit of 10 fish applies to bluefin and yellowfin tuna, skipjack, yellowtail, marlin, broadbill swordfish, black and white sea bass, albacore, barracuda, bonito, rock and kelp bass, California halibut, California corbina, yellowfin and spotfin croaker, lingcod, and cabezone, provided that not more than two of such fish are marlin, black sea bass or swordfish.

A new regulation makes it illegal to possess more than 15 rockfish in the aggregate of all species. Various members of the rockfish, or sebastodes, family go by some of the following names: rock cod, treefish, bacocao, grouper, bluefish, red snapper, chuklehead, and chin fish.

Generally, any of the 50 rockfish species found in California waters may be identified by the 13 deeply notched back spines.

Two to five striped bass, and three salmon or steelhead trout rounds out the maximum ocean fish possession limits, except for occasional weight limits. There is no bag limit on any other ocean fish not listed above.

Good advice from the wardens: get a free copy of 1949 angling regulations from any office of the Division of Fish and Game or one of its 2,800 license agencies.

### Detroit Rail Strike

Dearborn, Mich.—The west and southwest suburbs of Detroit have no public transportation June 8 when Division 1265, Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employees (AFL) got tired of long stalling by the Dearborn Coach Co. and went on strike. Later a licensed jitney service made feeble attempts to carry passengers while the State Mediation Service hampered at the company to be re-elected.

About 300,000 Michigan residents were affected by the strike of the 410 drivers and maintenance men, who demand a 20c hourly raise.

The company countered with an offer to cut wages 8½¢ an hour, following the technique of the Ford Motor Co., used when the United Auto Workers formulated wage demands earlier this year.

**Overconfidence.**—Confidence in your driving ability is a good thing but over-confidence leads to chance-taking and traffic accidents, warns the California State Automobile Association. The skillful driver tempers confidence with caution.

## Union Directory

### ATTENTION!

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### MONTEREY

**BAKERS** 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6241.

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**BARTENDERS** 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Sec. Bus., Agt. Al J. Thompson, 1979 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone 4745; Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St., Phone 4633.

**BUTCHERS** 508 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenter Hall, 117 Pajaro St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6241.

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**BRICK MASONS** 15—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres. F. B. Hair, P.O. Box 264, Watsonville, San. Sec., and Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, phone Ballard 6241.

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